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H. R. 346

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the use of unexpended universal service funds in low-income schools, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Children’s Access to
5 Technology Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934
8 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
2 graph (8); and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(7) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE USES FOR REVERT-
6 ING FUNDS.—

7 “(A) UNEXPENDED BALANCES AVAILABLE
8 FOR EXPANDED PURPOSES.—If at the conclu-
9 sion of any program year, any amount which
10 has been authorized for payment for eligible
11 services under this section remains unexpended,
12 such amount shall be available for distribution
13 under this paragraph to schools serving eligible
14 school districts for expanded services during the
15 succeeding program year, except that—

16 “(i) the total amount so made avail-
17 able shall not exceed \$100,000,000 for any
18 program year; and

19 “(ii) the amount made available to
20 any individual school for any program year
21 shall not exceed \$25,000.

22 “(B) EXPANDED SERVICES.—Funds avail-
23 able under this paragraph may be used to ac-
24 quire, in addition to the telecommunications
25 services available under this subsection, infor-

1 mation services, including devices necessary to
2 access and use such services.

3 “(C) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR EX-
4 PANDED SERVICES.—Funds shall be made
5 available under this paragraph by a system of
6 random selection from schools serving eligible
7 school districts that have submitted applications
8 complying with such regulations as the Com-
9 mission shall prescribe for purposes of this
10 paragraph.

11 “(D) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT.—The
12 term ‘eligible school district’ means, for any
13 program year, a local educational agency that is
14 eligible for a concentration grant under section
15 1124A of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
16 cation Act of 1965 for the preceding fiscal
17 year.”.

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